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19 September 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: U.S. Army Military Liaison Officer  
CIA Photographic Intelligence Center

SUBJECT: Tour and Briefing at Army Ballistic Missile  
Agency, Huntsville, Alabama


1. Pursuant to my telephone conversation of 18 September with Major Van Sickle, it would be greatly appreciated if you could make necessary arrangements for a tour and briefing of CIA and military service personnel at ABMA on 21 and 22 October 1958. This orientation, if feasible, is to be included in the AEC Field Trip to which you have assigned Captain Tanner.

2. I am advised that ABMA has given certain CIA personnel briefings on the mission, functions and organization of ABMA and a tour of the Agency's missile production, testing, and operations facilities in the past. This experience has been exceedingly helpful to CIA personnel, most of whom have been scientific intelligence officers. It is expected that the photographic intelligence officers scheduled for the proposed field trip will greatly benefit from a similar ABMA presentation. In addition, it is requested that arrangements be made for the group to visit ABMA's photographic laboratory with the purpose of viewing and procuring selected prints which will facilitate Center photographic analyses. Also, permission for members of the field group to take on the scene photographs for official use in accordance with ABMA administrative and security procedures is requested.

3. The AEC Field Trip itinerary, a copy of which is attached, calls for the group to travel to Huntsville from Denver, Colorado, on the evening of 20 October. If ABMA could arrange for transportation and hotel or BOQ reservations for the group, it would be most helpful.

4. Attached is a roster of CIA and military service personnel scheduled for the field trip. CIA personnel listed possess Agency Top Secret clearances.

5. Your assistance in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

  
Executive Officer  
CIA Photo Intelligence Center

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